

The Observer

THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

VOL. IV

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1913

NO. 100

FORWARD TO NEBRASKA

MR. HUNT TO GO TO NEBRASKA.

Seattle, January 1, 1913.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Lyman M. Hunt is hereby authorized to represent the National Association of the Deaf, and to use every honorable means to secure the repeal or modification of the Nebraska law passed in 1911, which provides for the use of the oral method and the exclusion of the sign language in the State School for the Deaf at Omaha.

(Signed) OLOF HANSON,
President N. A. D.

Mr. Hunt has consented to go to Lincoln, at the expense of the N. A. D.

The oralists are well organized, and will doubtless make a strong fight to continue the present law.

But Mr. Hunt, having the moral support of practically all the deaf not only in Nebraska but throughout the country, will give a good account of himself. Whether we win the fight or not, the Legislature and the people of Nebraska will know more about the education of the deaf than they did two years ago.

Owing to limited funds, we shall only be able to pay Mr. Hunt's expenses for a limited time. With \$200.00 additional we could keep him at Lincoln until the bill is acted on by the Legislature. If any persons with money to spare wish to assist in this cause, the money may be sent to Lyman M. Hunt, Route No. 1, Koshkonong, Mo., or to P. L. Axling, 316 Pacific Block, Seattle. All moneys will be acknowledged, and all expenses reported to the Association.

The deaf of Nebraska and elsewhere are requested to write to the members of the Legislature and inform them how they stand on the question of the sign language.

OLOF HANSON,
4747 16th Ave. N. E.

THE GALLAUDET FUND.

According to latest reports, the collections for the Gallaudet Monument Repair Fund will come up to and probably exceed the \$1,500.00 aimed at.

COUNTS UP.

Rev. J. H. Cloud collected \$23.80 for the Gallaudet Monument Repair Fund in Missouri. From the same locality he secured \$26.65 for the Nebraska fund.

Extracts From A Circular Issued By N. A. D.

There are two principal methods of educating the deaf, the Oral Method and the Combined System.

THE ORAL METHOD.

The pure oral method aims to teach all the deaf by speech and lip reading. The sign language and the manual alphabet are excluded. The chief aim of this method is proficiency in speech and English.

THE COMBINED SYSTEM.

The Combined System aims chiefly at mental development. All pupils who possess reasonable aptitude for it are taught speech and lip-reading, and in most schools there are classes taught wholly or chiefly by the oral method. But pupils who show little aptitude for speech are taught by manual methods, or such means as will best develop their minds. The sign language is used in the Assembly Hall for lectures, debates, and similar purposes. The chief aim of the Combined System is to give a broad, practical education; to teach English; and to give speech to all who can profit by it.

In the United States, about 20 per cent of the pupils are in oral schools, and about 80 per cent in schools using the Combined System. This proportion has varied but little for a number of years.

"COMBINED METHOD" AND "COMBINED SYSTEM" NOT SYNONYMOUS.

Certain oralists have endeavored to mislead the public by speaking of the Combined System as the "Combined Method." The latter term, as used by the oralists has a narrow meaning entirely different from the term "Combined System" as understood and used by the supporters of the latter. The definition of the Combined System as above given is as it is understood by the deaf and a large majority of educators of the deaf.

THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

The Sign Language is a great help in developing the mind, in training character, and in arousing the interest of deaf children. Most Combined System schools have daily chapel services in the morning for the

whole school. This generally takes the form of a short talk by the superintendent or one of the teachers, the object being to develop good morals and citizenship. When distinguished visitors come to the school they are invited to address the pupils, and their remarks are interpreted in the sign language. Formal lectures are often given and interpreted in the same way. The sign language is the only means by which such discourses can be conveyed to the deaf.

These lectures and talks are of great educational value when rightly conducted, and as sources of inspiration and formation of character they are equal in importance to the work in the class room.

SUPERINTENDENTS DEFEND THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

In a paper read in Chicago at a summer meeting of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, and published in the Association Review, Mr. Harris Taylor presented his views on "Oralism in Combined Schools."

Superintendent Tate.

In discussing the paper Dr. Tate of the Minnesota school said in part:

"In our chapel exercises I believe that nothing will ever supplement or be substituted to equal the thought that can be conveyed by the sign language to all the pupils. That is my conviction. I may revise my beliefs in that line sooner or later; I don't know; but I am just as firm in my conviction of that now as I was ten years ago.

"Another thing—who lives the life of the deaf? Is it the deaf man or the deaf woman, or do we live it? That is the question. If they want to communicate with each other in the sign language, can find satisfaction in it, can find pleasure in it and glory in it, why not let them have the sign language? Besides, can you take it from them? That is another question. Can you deprive the deaf of the sign language? That is a practical question; and if you can, would you be doing right?"

Superintendent Jones.

Superintendent Jones of the Ohio school, in discussing the paper spoke in part as follows:

"Now, as to the sign language, I

sympathize fully with the suggestion of Dr. Tate, that those who know little or nothing of it, those who do not know of its beauty and its power to do and to instruct and to direct, to explain and to suggest, should be very careful in judging it. It is only the experienced, or those who have seen the language in its power, who can fully appreciate what we are putting away from the deaf when we deprive them of its use; and for fear I may be misunderstood (I am liable to be misunderstood, anyway), I want to say that if I had the starting of a school for the deaf it would be wholly and exclusively in speech and lip reading, the pupils to know nothing of finger spelling or the sign language. Nor would I have either in an oral class of a combined school. But there comes a time in the life of the deaf when I believe they should be permitted to learn that great language in the best possible way. I do not believe, friends, it would injure their speech or their lip reading an iota, and they would derive great pleasure and benefit from its use. . .

"Finally, brethren, who is to sit in judgment and who are to bear testimony? Shall we call upon those who have been connected with the oral schools only? Shall we call to the witness stand those who have been in the combined schools only? I do not believe either would be competent and conclusive witnesses to determine what is best for the deaf as a whole. Rather, we should send out competent and capable men and women all over this country, unprejudiced, unbiased, uninfluenced, to inquire into the lives of the educated deaf who are making their own living and who are serving in their respective capacities, serving themselves and others, and let them gather the data for a judgment that would be entirely free from prejudice. What an occasional individual can do should be accredited to the individual, not to the mass, whether he be exceedingly apt or exceedingly stupid."

Superintendent Tillinghast.

Mr. Tillinghast, superintendent of the Oregon school, said in part:

"I thought, as I sat there and listened to the addresses of these gentlemen who have preceded me, how interesting it would be to have a deaf man stand upon this platform, one who had acquired intelligible speech, one out of ten thousand who could sit in the audience and understand what these gentlemen have said, and could and would stand up here and defend the oral method orally, stand up here and support Mr. Taylor's statements with all the emphasis of his heart and soul because he believed in them. We do not see such a deaf man here. We see a very notable absence of deaf peo-

ple. They take no great interest in this convention except to criticize it; they show no enthusiasm about the work of this convention. We have met together to talk about the education of the deaf, and the deaf themselves reject what we are having to say. There must be some profound reason for this, and I think that that reason should be clearly stated for the benefit of the public.

"It has always seemed to me that there is something radically wrong with oralism which cannot turn out deaf graduates who appreciate the value of the methods by which they were instructed. If it cannot develop their minds sufficiently to make them capable of judging what is good for them and what is not, it is surely very, very imperfect oralism, or if the process of oral teaching is such a procrustean one that it leaves the vast majority of its subjects embittered, more or less dissatisfied, unappreciative, disloyal—if we may use the term in this connection—to the method by which they were educated, indifferent, if not hostile, to its progress in the education of their fellow-deaf, so that we find congresses of the deaf in Germany—the home of pure oralism—in France, where manualism has no standing with the educational authorities; in Scotland, in America, in Ireland, in Australia, almost every state association of the Union, the National Association of the Deaf, and practically all organizations of deaf people, great and small—I say, if we find all of these organizations and congresses from one side of the world to the other hammering against the pure oral method, it seems to me an adequate explanation should be forthcoming by its friends."

President Gallaudet.

In his address to the meeting of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf at Ogden in 1908, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, retired President of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., had the following to say about the sign language:

"The value of signs in the education of the deaf has been much discussed for many years, and unanimity of opinion in this matter has by no means been reached. Long ago I raised my voice against the unwise and excessive use of signs, especially in the class room, which was common some years since. And I believe there is a general agreement that in the school room signs should be used 'as little as possible.' But differences of opinion exist as to the value of signs for lectures and dramatic entertainments. My own view is decided that, for the last named purposes, signs are a necessity for the best results, and that their use works no injury to the pupils in any re-

spect. Strong testimony in support of this practice is found in the fact that in the school at Leipsic, founded by Heinicke, and in that at Dresden, both oral schools, signs are used in chapel services."

Dr. Gallaudet is considered the best authority on the education of the deaf in the world.

Superintendent Mashburn.

Superintendent Mashburn, of the Arkansas school for the deaf, has expressed his opinion of the sign language as follows:

"The sign language is the natural language of the deaf. It is beautiful, expressive, and graceful. It appeals to the heart of the deaf as no other language can. It is the language of the soul. It stirs the heart to the deepest depths of pathos; it convulses the frame with the merriest peals of laughter. I have seen again and again some Demosthenes of the deaf carry his audience in the sweep of one fleeting moment from the agony of burning tears to the delight of enraptured smiles. It appeals to the deaf as nothing else can. It is an easy means of communication."

The above are all expressions from hearing men familiar with the deaf, and represent the opinions of a large majority of hearing instructors of the deaf.

The deaf throughout the world, who have had an opportunity to learn the sign language, are unanimously of the opinion that it should have a place in the education of the deaf. They are not opposed to speech and lip-reading. But many oralists are unreasonably opposed to the sign language; therefore, the deaf are opposed to the oralists. Lip reading is useful as far as it goes; but it is limited in its usefulness to conversation between individuals. For sermons, lectures, and public speaking it is practically useless. Here the sign language comes in and supplies a want which can not possibly be filled in any other way. The deaf want both speech and the sign language.

A girl despises flattery—until some one begins to flatter her.

A deaf-mute is always ready to take a hand in the conversation.

Some men are so lazy that they are unable to dodge a slow fever.

An idle rumor never spends much time in the office of a busy man.

There are spots on the sun, yet some people expect a small boy to be perfect.

The average woman knows more about some other women than she knows about herself.

The self-made man is unable to see where he could have made any improvement on his work.

THE OBSERVER

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, JAN., 16 13
 AGATHA TIEGEL HANSON, EDITOR
 W. S. ROOT - - - Associate Editor

The Observer is issued every two weeks on Thursday. It is published in the interest of the deaf everywhere.

TERMS:

One Copy, one year.....\$1.00
 One Copy, six months......50
 One Copy, three months......25
 Canada, one year.....1.50

Advertising rates given upon Application

All contributions must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. The Editor is not responsible for views and opinions expressed by correspondents in their communications.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions, subscriptions and business letters should be addressed to

L. O. CHRISTENSON, Publisher.
 4 Kinnear Building, 1428 Fourth Ave.
 Seattle, Wash.

Entered as Second-Class matter, Nov. 25, 1909, at the Postoffice at Seattle, Washington, under the Act of March 3, 1879.



Melville Ballard died recently at Washington, D. C., where he had been for many years an instructor in the Kendall School. He was the first, or one of the first students ever admitted to Gallaudet, and at one time he was the only student in College. He was an interesting talker in signs, which he thoroughly mastered, and a fine and lovable man. Many generations of students who met him on the green will regret sincerely his passing.

J. C. Howard delivered an able and instructive address on Gallaudet Day at Mississippi. He had a good message, of energy, honesty, and pluck to deliver, and as we have seen him on the platform and know what he can do, we have no doubt that his delivery was masterly.

WHAT THE OBSERVER CONTAINS.

The Observer is not filled up with "clippings" and rehash from other papers, on the contrary the larger part is new and original matter boiled down ready for the reader. We do not fill it up with a lot of dead advertisements, but all our ads are paid for at a fair price.

The paper may be small, but it's worth the price we ask.

A CHANCE TO PROVE

We have received a long letter dealing with Spokane trouble which we can't use.

We have given the Spokane people a chance to show which side is the best fund of The Observer by letting each side send in new subscribers. The side which sends in the most will have furnished indisputable evidence.

THEY TALK UPON THEIR HANDS.

(The Portland Oregonian recently ran a column article, with photo, lauding the so-called Oral School in that city, where "the gesticulations of the sign language, so unsightly, are forbidden and a slight penalty imposed upon children caught using their hands.")

What have those cheerless children done

With red and weary eyes,

Their life's brief span, but scarce begun,

Foredoomed to sobs and sighs?

What wild and wicked prank of youth

Caused all this childish woe,

What dark and dire deed, forsooth,

That they are punished so;

Have they destroyed the playground swings

Defying stern commands?

Oh, no, far worse the ill-bred things

They talked upon their hands!

Aye, punish them with manner gruff

If they to sign should dare!

Their forebears sins are not enough—

More burdens let them bear:

It's plain God never gave them hands

To put to vulgar use,

Since Doctor Bell serenely brands

Such methods as obtuse.

'Tis plain He gave them teeth to talk

And tongue that they might tell

What fun it is to be a mute

Who cannot sign or spell.

Aye, make them talk, both men and maids,

As Nature meant, and then

Remove all artificial aids

Used by their fellow men;

Remove the crutches from the lame,

False limbs and teeth and hair,

Eye glasses, ear drums, and the cane

That gaunt old soldiers bear.

Dame Nature surely knows her biz,

Improving her commands

Is just as huge a sin as 'tis

To talk upon the hands.

—J. Frederick Meagher, Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. Meagher was for a short time an oral pupil.

OVERDRAWN.

It is said that Mr. Olof-Hanson has drawn plans for a new theater to be erected in Boston. When Boston capitalists will go across the country to Seattle and select a deaf man to draw plans for a public building it is good evidence that deafness is not a barrier. Good work counts whether a man be deaf or has good ears.—Western Pennsylvanian.

That story is overdrawn. Mr. Hanson was at work for a man who had the contract for a big theatre in Boston. Part of the plans were drawn by Mr. Hanson and evidently he gave satisfaction as he is still assisting this architect, although business in the architectural line is rather dull in Seattle.

If you want to keep posted on the Nebraska fight, subscribe for the Observer.

LIKES GOOD COMPANY.

Fred W. Schoneman of Salem, Oregon, in sending in his removal says: "I always like to read your paper for it is very good and newsy."

THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

Twice within the past two years we have had occasion to read Carlyle's Essay on Burns with different deaf girls. These girls are both deaf mutes with an average command of English. Any one who has tried Carlyle will admit that his sentence-structure is difficult for a deaf-mute to master. It is artistic and correct, full of imagination, and highly instructive to the cultivated reader, but it needs a lot of explanation to show just what he means to a deaf-mute who grasps only the simplest and plainest of sentences. We have found that the sign language is the proper tool to use here, and the only practical one of which we can conceive. By the quick and graceful gestures we could convey the idea clearly to our pupil's mind, and she was then able to express the idea in her own words. It was a means of broadening her, of cultivating her mind and her thinking powers, which we think unequalled. Had we been obliged to depend wholly on speech and speech-reading, or on writing out the ideas in simple form, the attempt to convey the essay as a whole would have been a failure.

LOCAL NEWS

Herman Kohn struck town again last Saturday.

Rene De Clercq is now employed at the Lilly Seed House.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Jensen and son are now in Seattle.

Marcus Miller was in town over Sunday. He is undecided as yet about returning to Alaska.

Louis Bartl of Mount Vernon was in town last week. He had been on a trip to Bellingham.

Rev. Fedder had a good attendance at his last service. He continues to improve in his signs.

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Minniak are now residents of Seattle and reside in The Philadelphia on Boylston.

The friends of Miss Elsie Peterson are pleased to learn that she passed in all her studies at college.

Bert Haire keeps busy, but would like to move to a smaller town and avoid some of the city expenses.

Lillie Hallenbeck was married in November to a hearing man named Jesse Wood. They live at Vancouver, Wash.

Tother Sunday a number of the deaf called on Mr. and Mrs. Klawitter, where a few hours were pleasantly spent.

Carl Garrison has been smiling on the young ladies around town for a week, and expects to keep it up a while longer.

Roy Harris talks of returning to Leavenworth in the spring. He is expecting to attend the Cleveland convention next summer.

Two birthday surprise parties are planned for the near future. We will not let the cat out of the bag by giving the names of the victims.

Mrs. Hanson had the Bible class last Sunday. The gave an interesting, instructive and impressive talk which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Miss Laura Sampson, who is employed in the candy manufacturing plant, dropped into The Observer office the other night and distributed some choice kisses. Of course they were of the candy variety.

L. T. Rhiley returned to Seattle this week. Soon after he left Calgary he heard that the plant in which he had been at work was entirely destroyed by fire. He expects to remain in Seattle if he secures a good job.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN BODLEY.

Mrs. John Bodley died at her home at Chehalis last Saturday, the 11th. Funeral was held Monday. Her husband and one child survive her. Mrs. Bodley was a graduate of the Vancouver school. She had been in poor health for over a year.

CLEMENT B. COFFIN

Jeweler and Optician

We replace Broken Lenses.

Yes, We guarantee everything we do.

Phone Main 4324

406 PIKE STREET

SEATTLE, WASH.

P. S. A. D.

Mr. Harris, chairman of the masquerade committee, announced that the masquerade would be held in the ball room at Carpenters' Hall. Admission, ladies, 25c; gentlemen, 50c. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Wright reported that \$24.25 had been collected in Seattle for the Galaudet Repair Fund. He also read a copy of a proposed Imposter Bill which it was hoped would pass the legislature.

Messrs. Axling and Wright were appointed a committee to confer with President Divine as to holding the convention of the State Association in Seattle next summer.

The January social will be held at the Gustin house on the 25th.

AGATHA HANSON, Secretary.

MASQUERADE.

Everybody is doing it. Doing what? Boosting for the big time which is coming off Feb. 22, 1913, at Carpenters' Hall, Fourth Ave. and Pine St. Committee has plans which will assure all who come a royal time, and what is more, a good feast. Especial invitation is extended to those living within reach of Seattle. Tickets can be procured from the committee.

ROY HARRIS,

TRUE PARTRIDGE,

CLEON MORRIS,

Committee.

NOT CLAIMED.

Our leap-year prize remains unclaimed, although there were four engagements during the year—let's see: we are wrong there were only three. One fellow waited a year for a proposal and receiving none went and asked her himself on New Year's day.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The engagement is announced of True Partridge and Miss Cleon Morris, both of Seattle. Congratulations are being showered upon them.

READY FOR RACES.

Claude Zeigler, a deaf night watchman at Troy Laundry, has invested in an Excelsior No. 7 motorcycle and will soon be ready to accept challenges to races.

SEATTLE ALWAYS READY

Seattle stands ready to entertain the next State convention if no other city wishes it.

Seattle also stands ready to step aside if any other city gives a good bid for it.

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Every deaf person in the Puget Sound country is or should be a member of this association.

Why?

Because in union there is strength

—we can help one another.

Also come and meet your fellow

deaf for a social time, intellectual ad-

vancement and moral uplift.

Business meeting, second Saturday

night of each month. Social, fourth

Saturday night of each month.

Meeting at Carpenter Hall, Fourth

Avenue, just north of Pine Street.

Officers:

President—True Partridge.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. W. Wright.

Secretary—Mrs. Agatha Hanson.

Treasurer—L. O. Christensen.

Sergeant-at-Arms—W. S. Root.

Subscribe for the Observer, then have some sample copies sent to your friends—follow these up and secure their subscriptions.

REMEMBER

That all contributions should reach us by Monday night before the date of publication. Sooner if convenient.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

At the election at the regular business meeting of the P. D. M. Society, Jan. 7th, the following officers were elected for the year 1913: President, Bud Hastings; vice-president, Rudy Spieler; secretary, Emery Vinson; treasurer, John Reichle; assistant treasurer, Joe Jorg, and sergeant-at-arms, Chas. Lynch. Mrs. Rudy Spieler was admitted as a member. A motion was made that the members have a social at their homes every month by turns, which was seconded and passed. Mr. and Mrs. C. Litherland, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle and Bud Hastings were elected as committee to purchase various table games for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lawrence will give the first party at their home Saturday evening, Jan. 18th. All members are welcome.

A committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Spieler, Mrs. C. Litherland, Messrs. Jorg and Reichle were appointed to arrange a masquerade party on George Washington's birthday.

The party at the Church of the Strangers, New Year's evening, was a success, a big crowd being present. Among the attendance were Mrs. Swangren of Seattle, Alex Wooley of Unity, Ore., and Arthur Stalker of Silverton, Ore. Light refreshments were served. Each one enjoyed every minute.

Mrs. F. Metcalf entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Divine, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle, Miss Rector and Mr. E. Vinson to dinner at her home New Year's day. It is needless to say the guests enjoyed the dinner.

Miss Essen of Coma, Wash., spent Sunday in our city.

Walter Fleming has returned from Silverton, where he had been working for a month.

Emery Vinson is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Redman and Chas. Lynch with Mr. and Mrs. Reichle.

TACOMA.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond spent New Year's with Miss Seeley.

Mr. Plenz has wired the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond for electric lights.

The weather has changed with a vengeance. Yesterday roses blooming in the ward—now snow-bound. However, variety is the spice of life, you know.

When it does snow this country furnishes superior facilities for coasting.

Mrs. Seeley spent a pleasant afternoon with Miss Slegel the other day. Miss Slegel is still helpless, being only able to partially bend the knee of her injured leg. It is likely she will be a "shut in" for many a day yet.

The club will meet Saturday evening, January 25th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz, 3717 South Yakima

avenue. A good attendance is looked for.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond and Mrs. Seeley paid Miss Alice Hammond a genuine old-fashioned visit (come early, state late), Jan. 3rd.

Several of our deaf here signify their intention of attending Seattle's grand masquerade ball Feb. 22nd. Seattle can, therefore, count on the affair being a success.

ANOTHER WESTERN STATE IN DANGER.

Report has it that another Western state is soon to be turned over the oralists if they can have their way. Developments are awaited.

KANSAS SCHOOL.

We have received a report of the Kansas State School for Deaf for the two years ending June 30, 1912.

The average attendance has been about 250.

From Supt. White's annual report we clip the following:

"The recent legislature recognized our claim that we should be listed and recognized as an educational institution, which we are in fact and always have been, as the School was established for the education of the deaf and has no other excuse for its existence. Any other classification is not only a misnomer but an injustice to the deaf of the state—an injustice undoubtedly due to the ignorance or indifference on the part of many well-meaning persons toward the welfare of the deaf. The deaf do not want sympathy nor charity. All that they need is an education, and an opportunity. Our graduates compare favorably with high-school graduates throughout the state and are useful and respected citizens in their respective communities, as our list of graduates, printed elsewhere in this report together with their home addresses and present occupations, easily proves."

DON'T HANG CLOTHES ON A STABLE.

A large bird which flew across Pottsville, Pa., seemed to exercise a hypnotizing influence over Miss Catherine Heinhart, who was hanging clothes on the roof of a stable. She gazed at the bird until she became dizzy, lost her balance and fell 35 feet. Her skull, collarbone and two ribs were broken and her condition is serious. Miss Reinhart is a deaf mute.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Any one subscribing for The Observer and failing to receive the paper promptly should notify us at once. No matter whether they pay direct to us or one of our agents.

Seattle is the Metropolis of Washington

THE OBSERVER

An Independent Paper

By the
For the
About

Deaf

Subscribe for it
and learn about
the Deaf

One Dollar a year
Six months 50 cents

ONLY FOUR.

Send us the names of four of your friends and four dollars and we will send them each the Observer for one year and in addition will make you a present of a year's subscription.

L. O. CHRISTENSON.

JOB PRINTER AND

PUBLISHER

2 KINNEAR BLDG.

1426 4th Ave.

The Silent Review

A Semi-monthly, Eight-page Illustrated Magazine of Encouragement and Self-help. A Journal for the Deaf that Brings its readers and their interests together.

Good Reading
Clear Thinking
Right Living.

Fifty Cents a year

Send for Sample Copy
Agents and Reporters Wanted.

THE SILENT REVIEW,
Lexington, Missouri.

\$1 Subscribe Now \$1

PORTERVILLE, CAL.

Orrie Harris of Los Angeles, who was sent as a delegate by the N. F. S. D. to the national convention at Columbus, Ohio, last June, stopped here on his way home to Los Angeles and visited with old Iowan schoolmates and other mates. He is president of Club Amapola at Los Angeles.

A few weeks ago Sam Waters, who works for Mr. Vosburge on Sunnyside avenue, met with a serious accident from an automobile speeding without the lights. His legs were painfully cramped and his right ear was smashed. He is now on the road to recovery.

Two weeks ago Mr. Lamine of Oregon suddenly dropped into town on business and got dissatisfied with this country and left for somewhere unknown.

Messrs. Myers and Helstrom, who have been great chums for several years and generally come to Porterville every winter, working in the orange groves are here now.

Mr. Arnold Baillo, who is known as a very ambitious and honest worker, received a fine contract, that of cutting the oak wood on Dr. Daley's ranch at Globe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Palmer had good luck with the six apple trees on their ranch, which is a few miles northeast of town. They brought \$7.50 each.

Cogswell Club raised a fund for the Galiaudet monument.

Cogswell Club is a great thing for all deaf residents of Tulare county. An isolated life spoils any mute sooner or later.

James H. Johnson of Madison, Cal., spent a two weeks' vacation visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Hearn. While here he was present at Cogswell Club and also attended a birthday party of one of the mutes. A reception at Price Hall was held in his honor, which everyone enjoyed. He was surprised to find so many mutes living in Tulare county.

Seventeen mutes gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin at Plano in honor of Mr. Martin's birthday. They enjoyed the evening immensely. Splendid refreshments were served. Mr. Martin received many gifts.

Cogswell Club sent its congratulations to Mrs. A. E. Cummings for succeeding in getting a good position at the hotel and also to the proprietor of the hotel for giving it to her.

Charles Cunningham has succeeded in finding a good place at Springville to run his own shoeshop. His family will soon move there. We wish them abundant success.

Recently L. A. Palmer drove up to the hills on business. He found Arnold Baillo working at Pleasant Valley and Miss Edna Grider at home at Globe. She was ill, having been sent home from school. Now she is on



WANTED--A RIDER AGENT

IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once.

NO MONEY REQUIRED until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, **prepay freight**, and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL** during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent.

FACTORY PRICES We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. **DO NOT BUY** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue and study our superb models at the wonderfully low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost. Orders filled the day received.

SECOND HAND BICYCLES. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$3 to \$8 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free.

COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail prices.

\$10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$4.80
Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with order \$4.55).

NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES

NAILS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out.

A hundred thousand pairs sold last year.

DESCRIPTION: Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined inside with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape.

We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send **FULL CASH WITH ORDER** and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at our expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is as safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price.

We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above, or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices.

DO NOT WAIT but write us a postal today. **DO NOT THINK OF BUYING** a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it **NOW**.

J. L. MEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.



Notice the thick rubber tread "A" and puncture strips "B" and "D" also rim strip "H" to prevent rim cutting. This tire will outlast any other make--SOFT, ELASTIC and EASY RIDING.

the road to recovery. Mr. Palmer met Charles Cunningham, Albert Gagnbin and a little mute daughter of Mr. Burkhart at Springville and had some good chats. He then went up north and stayed a few days.

Mrs. A. E. Cummings invited a few mute friends to her Christmas dinner and later a few more mutes came in to spend a social evening. Efforts to serve what looked like watermelon, but proved to be a citron, gave the party much amusement. Then the question and answer game furnished no end of fun. Light refreshments were served at a late hour.

Cogswell Club met on November 30th and had much success in finishing their constitution and by-laws, which began nearly a year ago. The election of officers for another term resulted as follows: President, Sam Waters; vice-president, Chas. Cunningham; secretary, L. A. Palmer; treasurer, L. Benedict, re-elected; sergeant-at-arms, James Wann. Ed Dugan was voted as judge to officiate. A pledge was taken by the elected officers.

President Anna Cummings, who has ruled Cogswell Club one year, retired

from the president's chair.

Seventeen members joined Cogswell Club under the constitution. Only two refused to join. Any deaf residents to Tulare county have a right to join the club. The outside mutes, who visit Cogswell Club, are to be the honorary members. There are about forty mutes living in Tulare county. The Club will meet tonight.—L. A. Palmer.

Bible Class for the deaf meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth Ave. & James St. All welcome.

Olof Hanson, Lay-reader, in charge.

Palace Market Company

DEALER IN

FRESH and CURED MEATS
FISH, FRUITS and VEGETABLES
Oysters and Game in Season

204 SECOND AVE. SOUTH

Phones Main 5 Ind. 5 Seattle, Wn.